



## King County

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### **King County Community Organizing Program Board Meeting Summary June 2010**

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Board Members present: Liz Wilhelm, Kitsap County Drug Free Communities, Chair; Mark Howard, City of Seattle Police Department, Co Chair; Helena Stephens, City of Bellevue Youth Programs; Kim Walker, Maple Valley DFC; Kim Beeson, Puget Sound ESD; Deanna Briese, Tacoma School District.

Staff Members Present: Laura Edwards, Program Manager; Laura Quinn and Cheryl Hanson, Community Organizers.

Guests: Jim Vollendroff, Assistant Division Manager and CD Coordinator; Sharon Toquinto, Prevention and Treatment Manager.

#### **OPENING AND UPDATES**

Mark did the meeting opening. The Board presented the staff with flowers and thanked us for the good work we have done over the years.

#### **COMMUNITY ORGANIZING PROGRAM and King County MOU and Letter of Intent to Contract discussion:**

Co-Chair, Mark Howard, opened the discussion of the Board's signing of the Letter of Intent to contract with the State Department of Commerce. He reminded the Board that as they understand it, the Letter of Intent is between the KCCOP Core Board and the State DOC and that the MOU is between the Board and King County Department of Community and Human Services, Mental Health, Chemical Abuse and Dependency Services Division, represented by Jim Vollendroff, CD Coordinator for King County and Sharon Toquinto, Prevention and Treatment Manager.

The Co-Chair then turned the meeting over to Jim and Sharon to make whatever presentation or discussion they wanted to have with the Board. Primarily, King County MHCADSD's position is that the Board needs to decide whether or not they are going to sign the Letter of Intent to contract with the State and choose King County as the fiscal agent or King County will layoff the two remaining Organizers (rather than hire one CO as was planned with the limited money for 2010-2011)

The Board then asked Jim and Sharon questions of clarification and commented on how disappointed they are in not starting this discussion earlier as was requested by the Board in February 2010.

The Board then asked Jim and Sharon to leave to let the Board have time to discuss the options.

The Board asked Staff to leave so they could discuss without impacting staff any further than necessary.

The Board then called the staff back in and said they had decided to either sign the Letter of Intent to contract with conditions to discuss the MOU and Work Plan for 2010-2011 or they would not sign the Letter of Intent until there was some commitment, in writing, by King County that they intend to work on the MOU with the Board or the Board will rescind it's Letter of Intent to Contract with the State.

It was agreed that Liz would send an email to Jim to explain this position.

Both Co-Chairs said they would continue with the Executive Committee in the negotiations on behalf of the Board and all agreed. The Co-Chairs will take responsibility to contact the Board members regarding updates, whether there will be further work on the MOU with King County, or whether a discussion about a different fiscal agent needs to happen, and whether or not there will be a July Board meeting.

**Resignation:** At this point Kim Beeson submitted her Letter of Resignation from the Board as she will be traveling next year, and the fact that PSESD will be contracting with the MHCADS Division next year for MIDD funding to do school based substance abuse and mental health services and that this would constitute a conflict of interest.

Other Items:  
There were no general announcements.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

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#### **NEXT MEETING**

To Be Determined by KCCOP Board